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November 2, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH: APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND
BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND TITLE 11, HEALTH AND SAFETY, RELATING TO
THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF TOBACCO RETAILERS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Introduce, waive reading and place the attached ordinance on the subsequent agenda for adoption, amending the Los Angeles County Code (LACC) Title 8, Consumer Protection and Business Regulations, Chapter 8.04, Public Health Licenses, to define "tobacco retailing" and to establish an annual tobacco retail licensing fee of \$235, effective 30 calendar days after the passage of this action and to add LACC, Title 11, Health and Safety, Chapter 11.35, Tobacco Retailing, to set forth the provisions for the tobacco retail licensing program for tobacco retailers. The ordinance as written will be enforceable 90 days of the effective date of the ordinance.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On June 5, 2007, the Board approved a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky instructing the Department of Public Health (DPH), in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), County Counsel, the Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), and the Los Angeles County Business License Commission (BLC) to develop a tobacco retail licensing ordinance for the unincorporated areas of the County. An amendment introduced by

Supervisor Burke and approved by the Board, instructed the Director of Public Health to 1) evaluate a sliding scale license fee based on the volume of sales of tobacco and/or other criteria that may be applicable, and 2) review and report back in 30 days with recommendations from cities that already have a sliding scale model in place. On July 6, 2007, the Director of Public Health provided you with a report confirming that a sliding fee schedule was not feasible. This proposed ordinance amendment is in response to the original motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky.

Board approval of this action would establish a tobacco retail licensing (TRL) program. The TRL program will include administration, enforcement and retailer education to prevent minors from purchasing tobacco products. The ordinance will also establish an annual tobacco retail license fee of \$235, and create provisions within the LACC to allow Los Angeles County to recover program costs and to impose fines and suspend or revoke tobacco retail licenses of retailers that engage in unlawful sales of tobacco products to minors, or who otherwise violate the provisions of the TRL program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed tobacco retail licensing ordinance meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Improving Children and Families' Well-Being by establishing a comprehensive tobacco retail licensing program that will strengthen the County's efforts to prevent smoking initiation among youth by reducing the availability of tobacco products to minors, and discouraging other violations of tobacco-related laws.

The ordinance also meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Health and Mental Health by helping to improve health outcomes with a cost-effective program to reduce smoking-related health problems through reduced access to tobacco products for youth.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Implementation of the tobacco retail licensing program involves no net County cost. All costs required in the administration, monitoring (licensing compliance), and education of tobacco retailers will be paid for by the \$235 tobacco retail licensing fees collected from tobacco retailers. Provisions within the LACC limit all fees to cost recovery only.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 1995, the United States (U.S.) Surgeon General found that more than 440,000 people die in the U.S. from tobacco related diseases every year. Most adults who have ever tried smoking have tried their first cigarette before the age of 18, and on average before the age of 16. Minors consume 924 million packs of cigarettes each year nationwide, yielding the tobacco industry \$460 million in profits from underage smokers.

Nearly half of all minor smokers nationwide buy the cigarettes they smoke, either directly from the retailers, vending machines, or by giving money to others to purchase the cigarettes for them.

California State law prohibits the sale or furnishing of tobacco products to minors. However, retailers continue to sell these products to minors. Unlawful sales of cigarettes, tobacco products, and smoking paraphernalia in Los Angeles County are approximately three times higher than the overall state rate of 10.7 percent.

State law allows counties and cities to enact local tobacco retail licensing ordinances and allows for the suspension or revocation of a retail license if a retailer sells to minors or violates other tobacco control laws. Over sixty counties and cities in California have adopted local tobacco retail licensing ordinances to regulate tobacco retailers and to prevent minors from purchasing cigarettes and tobacco products. Currently, 12 out of 88 incorporated cities in Los Angeles County have adopted tobacco retail licensing ordinances.

The ordinance supported under this action would amend the Los Angeles County Code as follows: in LACC, Title 8, Consumer Protection and Business Regulations, Chapter 8.04, Public Health Licenses, tobacco retailing would be redefined and a fee for retailing tobacco would be established. LACC, Title 11, Health and Safety, Chapter 11.35, Tobacco Retailing, would be added to set forth the provisions for the licensing program for tobacco retail establishments.

With a tobacco retail license requirement, owners of tobacco retail establishments can be held accountable for non-compliance with all applicable federal, state and local tobacco control laws or regulations, including the above ordinance provisions.

Monitoring (licensing compliance) activities funded under this action include: 1) annual inspections by DPH's Environmental Health division to ensure that retailers comply with existing local, state, and national laws, and 2) monitoring by LASD which will coordinate youth decoy operations to monitor 20 percent of the licensed tobacco retailers per year (with increased monitoring of some tobacco retailers predicated on risk, based on past youth decoy operations) for compliance of laws regarding the sale of tobacco products to minors.

DPH's Tobacco Control and Prevention Program (TCPP) will develop and distribute an education packet for all tobacco retailers in the unincorporated areas of the County to ensure that retailers are informed of the provisions of the license. The packet will emphasize license compliance and include an overview of all applicable federal, state and local tobacco control laws that are relevant to the retail environment. TCPP will provide technical support and will coordinate all administrative hearings related to the retailing of tobacco products under Title 11 of the LACC. DPH will appoint a hearing

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officer who is not involved in the enforcement or monitoring of the tobacco retail licensing program to conduct the administrative hearings. TCPP will report violations of the license to BLC for possible action under Title 7 of LACC. TTC will collect fees, issue and renew licenses, maintain a database of retailers, and manage program funds.

Pursuant to Government Code, Section 66018, a local agency must hold a public hearing as part of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors, before adopting an ordinance, resolution, or other legislative enactment adopting a new fee, and shall publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper in accordance with Government Code, Section 6062a.

Attachment A provides additional information.

Exhibit I has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this ordinance will establish DPH's ability to mandate compliance with tobacco control laws, and strengthen the enforcement powers of LASD in this area.

CONCLUSION

DPH requires four signed copies of the Board action. It is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, notify DPH Contracts and Grants Division, at (213) 240-8179 when this document is available.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

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Attachments (3)

c: Business License Commission
County Counsel
Sheriff's Department
Treasurer and Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

TYPE OF SERVICE:

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health's Tobacco Control and Prevention Program (TCPP) provides services that seek to reduce tobacco related death, disease, and disability in Los Angeles County. Creation of a tobacco retail licensing (TRL) program will support these services by allowing the TCPP to reduce the purchasing tobacco products by minors.

COUNTY PROGRAM OFFICE ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSON:

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Tobacco Control and Prevention Program
3530 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 800
Los Angeles, California 90010
Attention: Linda Aragon, MPH Director
Telephone: (213) 351-7811 FAX (213) 351-2709

TERM OF CONTRACT:

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

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GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED:

Countywide.

ACCOUNTABLE FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Linda Aragon, MPH, Director
Tobacco Control and Prevention Program

APPROVALS:

Public Health Programs:
Contract Administrator:
County Counsel (approval as to form):

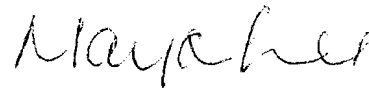
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Maya Lee, Senior Associate County Counsel

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 8 - Consumer Protection and Business Regulations and Title 11 - Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County Code, by:

- defining "tobacco retailing;"
- adding a tobacco retailing license fee;
- adding Chapter 11.35 Tobacco Retailing; and
- establishing a Tobacco Retailing License program.

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Requested 8/20/07
Revised 10/30/07

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 8 - Consumer Protection and Business Regulations of the Los Angeles County Code, to define "tobacco retailing" and to collect a fee for issuance of tobacco retailing licenses; and amending Title 11 - Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County Code, to add Chapter 11.35, to establish a licensing program for tobacco retailing establishments.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8.04.485 is hereby added to read as follows:

8.04.485 Tobacco Retailing.

"Tobacco retailing" means selling, offering for sale or distribution, exchanging, or offering to exchange, for any form of consideration, tobacco, tobacco products, or tobacco paraphernalia, without regard to the quantity sold, distributed, exchanged, or offered for exchange.

SECTION 2. Section 8.04.720 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.04.720 Fee schedule.

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Swimming pool or public swimming area	297.00
Theater (including drive-in)	205.00
<u>Tobacco Retail License Fee</u>	<u>235.00</u>
Toilet rental agency	459.00

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SECTION 3. Chapter 11.35 is hereby added to Title 11 - Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County Code to read as follows:

Chapter 11.35

Tobacco Retailing

SECTIONS:

- 11.35.010 Purpose and application.
- 11.35.020 Definitions.
- 11.35.030 Mandatory tobacco retail license.
- 11.35.040 Application procedure for tobacco retail license.
- 11.35.050 Issuance and renewal of license.
- 11.35.060 License non-transferable.
- 11.35.070 License violations.
- 11.35.080 Compliance checks.
- 11.35.090 Administrative fines.
- 11.35.100 Suspension or revocation of license.
- 11.35.110 Suspension or revocation procedure.
- 11.35.120 Violation – other penalties.
- 11.35.130 Severability.

11.35.010 Purpose and application.

In promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents, the County of Los Angeles has a substantial interest in encouraging compliance with federal, state, and local laws regulating tobacco sales and use; in discouraging the purchase and use of tobacco products by minors; in increasing compliance with laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to minors; and in protecting children from being lured into illegal activity through the misconduct of adults. It is the intent of this ordinance to encourage responsible tobacco retailing and to discourage violations of tobacco-related laws, especially those that prohibit the sale or distribution of tobacco products to minors, but not to expand or reduce the degree to which the acts regulated by federal or state law are criminally proscribed or otherwise regulated.

11.35.020 Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the following meaning:

A. "Arm's length transaction" means a sale in good faith and for valuable consideration that reflects the fair market value in the open market between two informed and willing parties, when neither is under any compulsion to participate in the transaction. A sale between relatives, related companies or partners, or a sale for the primary purpose of avoiding the effect of the violations of this chapter that occurred at the location, is presumed not to be an arm's length transaction.

B. "Department" means the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

C. "Director" means the director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health or his/her designee.

D. "Itinerant tobacco retailing" means engaging in tobacco sale or distribution at other than a fixed location.

E. "License" means a tobacco retailer license issued by the county pursuant to this section.

F. "Licensee" means any proprietor holding a license issued by the county pursuant to this chapter.

G. "Person" means any individual, entity, firm, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, association, social or professional club, fraternal organization, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, trustee, syndicate, or other group or combination of the above acting as a single unit.

H. "Proprietor" means a person with an ownership interest in a business. An ownership interest shall be deemed to exist when a person has a ten percent or greater interest in the stock, assets, or income of a business other than the sole interest of security for debt.

I. "Tobacco product" means any substance containing tobacco leaf, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, bidis, or any other preparation which includes any tobacco product.

J. "Tobacco paraphernalia" means cigarette papers or wrappers, pipes, holders of smoking materials of all types, cigarette rolling machines, and any other item designed or used for the smoking or ingestion of tobacco products.

K. "Tobacco retailer" means any person who sells, offers for sale or distribution, exchanges, or offers to exchange for any form of consideration, tobacco, tobacco products, or tobacco paraphernalia without regard to the quantity sold, distributed, exchanged, or offered for exchange.

L. "Tobacco retailing" means selling, offering for sale, exchanging, or offering to exchange for any form of consideration, tobacco, tobacco products, or tobacco paraphernalia without regard to the quantity sold, offered for sale, exchanged, or offered for exchange.

11.35.030 Mandatory tobacco retail license.

A. Any person intending to act as a tobacco retailer shall, within ninety days of the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, obtain a tobacco retailing license for each location at which tobacco retailing is to occur. No license may be issued to authorize tobacco retailing at other than a fixed location. Itinerant tobacco retailing is prohibited.

B. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to grant any licensee any status or right other than to act as a tobacco retailer at the location identified on the face of the license, subject to compliance with all other applicable laws, regulations, or ordinances.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to render inapplicable, supersede, or apply in lieu of any other provision of applicable law.

11.35.040 Application procedure for tobacco retail license.

All applications for a license shall be submitted in the name of each proprietor proposing to conduct tobacco retailing and signed by each prospective proprietor or an authorized agent. Each license application must be accompanied by the required license fee pursuant to section 8.04.720 of this code. A proprietor proposing to conduct tobacco retailing at more than one location shall submit a separate application for each location. Every application shall contain the following information:

- A. The name, address, and telephone number of each proprietor;
- B. The business name, address, and telephone number of the fixed location for which the license is sought;
- C. Whether or not any proprietor has previously been issued a license pursuant to this chapter that is, or was at any time, suspended or revoked and, if so, the date of the suspension or revocation;
- D. Proof that the location for which a tobacco retailing license is sought has been issued a valid state tobacco retailer's license by the California Board of Equalization;
- E. A signed affirmation by each proprietor that each proprietor is informed of the laws affecting tobacco retailing licenses; and

F. Such other information as the county deems necessary for the administration of this chapter.

11.35.050 Issuance and renewal of license.

A. Upon receipt of an application and applicable fee, as set forth in section 8.04.720, the applicant(s) shall be issued a license unless:

1. The application is incomplete or inaccurate;
2. The department has information that the applicant, or his/her agents or employees, has violated any local, state, or federal tobacco control law at the location for which the license or renewal license is sought within the preceding sixty (60) days; or
3. The application seeks authorization for tobacco retailing at an address where a previous license has been suspended, revoked, or is subject to suspension or revocation proceedings for any violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. However, this shall not constitute a basis for denial of a license if either or both of the following apply:
 - a. The applicant provides documentation which clearly demonstrates that the applicant has acquired or is in the process of acquiring the premises or business in an arm's length transaction; or
 - b. It has been more than five years since the most recent license for that location was revoked.

B. Renewal of tobacco retailing license. A license shall be valid for one year and must be renewed between thirty and sixty days prior to the expiration of the license. A license may be renewed for additional one year periods by submission of a renewal application and the applicable fee. Any license that is suspended, has been revoked within the previous five years, or is subject to suspension or revocation proceedings shall not be renewed.

11.35.060 License nontransferable.

A tobacco retailing license is nontransferable. If a licensee changes business location, that licensee must obtain a new license prior to acting as a tobacco retailer at the new location. If a business licensed to conduct tobacco retailing is sold or transferred, the new proprietor must obtain a license for that location before acting as a tobacco retailer.

11.35.070 License violations.

A. It shall be a violation of this chapter for a licensee, or his/her agents or employees, to violate any federal, state, or local tobacco law or regulation, including any provision of this chapter.

B. Causing, permitting, aiding, abetting, or concealing a violation of any provision of this chapter shall constitute a violation.

C. Failure to prominently display the tobacco retailing license in a publicly visible location at the licensed premises shall constitute a violation.

D. The failure of the licensee to allow any peace officer, the director, or any authorized county official to conduct unscheduled inspections of the premises of the business for the purpose of ensuring compliance with any federal, state, or local tobacco law or regulation, including any provision of this chapter, at any time the business is open for business shall constitute a violation.

11.35.080 Compliance checks.

A. Compliance with this chapter shall be monitored by the department or any law enforcement officer. Any law enforcement officer may conduct compliance checks, including but not limited to youth decoy operations, and enforce the penal provisions of this chapter.

B. The department shall check the compliance of each tobacco retailer a minimum of one time per twelve month period. Compliance checks may be unannounced.

11.35.090 Administrative fines.

Subject to the requirements of Chapter 1.25 of this county code, the director may impose administrative fines on persons violating any provision of this chapter or any federal, state, or local law or regulation incorporated into this chapter. The director may impose a fine upon such violators in an amount determined by the director. The imposition of any such fine shall in no way limit the director's ability or authority to impose other requirements of this chapter or seek other remedies against violators.

11.35.100 Suspension or revocation of license.

A. In addition to any other remedy authorized by law, a license may be suspended or revoked as provided in this section if it is discovered that any of the following occurred:

1. The licensee, or the licensee's agents or employees, has violated any provision of this chapter. Violation by a licensee at one location shall not be construed as a violation at another location of the same licensee, nor shall violations by a prior licensee at the same location be accumulated against a subsequent licensee at the same location;

2. The original or renewal application contained incorrect, false, or misleading information;

3. One or more of the bases for denial listed in section 11.35.050 existed before the license was issued; or

4. A licensee is convicted of a misdemeanor or felony violation of any federal, state, or local tobacco law or regulation, including any provision of this chapter.

B. During any period of suspension or revocation, the licensee shall remove all tobacco products and tobacco paraphernalia from public view. Failure to do so may be considered a subsequent violation.

C. When the director finds a violation as set forth in section 11.35.100(A), the license may be suspended or revoked as follows:

1. Upon finding by the director of a first license violation within any five-year period, the license may be suspended for up to thirty days;

2. Upon a finding by the director of a second license violation within any five-year period, the license may be suspended for up to ninety days;

3. Upon a finding by the director of a third license violation in any five-year period, the license may be suspended for up to one hundred and twenty days; and

4. Upon a finding by the director of a fourth license violation within a five year period, the license shall be revoked.

11.35.110 Suspension or revocation procedure.

A. Before a license is suspended or revoked, the director shall provide written notice to the licensee. Said notice shall include the following:

1. A statement that the proprietor's tobacco retailing license is being suspended or revoked pursuant to this chapter;

2. The code section violated by licensee or licensee's agents or employees;

3. A description of the violation that occurred;

4. The address of the business where the violation occurred; and

5. The procedure for requesting an administrative review.

B. A licensee served with a notice of suspension or revocation may request an administrative review to contest the suspension or revocation. The request must be made in writing and filed with the director within ten calendar days of service of the notice of suspension or revocation. Failure to timely request an administrative review shall be deemed a waiver of the right to request such a review and a failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

C. After receiving a timely administrative review request, the director shall schedule an administrative review within twenty calendar days of receipt of the written request and designate a reviewing officer. The director may, in his/her discretion, appoint as a reviewing officer any department or other county employee with expertise in public health who is not directly involved in inspection or enforcement of tobacco retailing establishments.

D. The proprietor shall be given written notice of the date, time, and location of the administrative review and the name of the reviewing officer who will conduct the administrative review at least ten calendar days in advance of the review.

E. The reviewing officer, in his/her discretion, may grant a continuance upon the written request and showing of good cause. In no event shall the continuance be longer than thirty calendar days from the originally scheduled review date.

F. At the administrative review, the department has the burden of providing by a preponderance of the evidence that the alleged violation occurred.

G. The failure to appear at the administrative review shall constitute an abandonment of the review request and a failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

H. Within ten calendar days after the close of the administrative review, the reviewing officer shall issue a written decision on the suspension or revocation of the license, including a statement of the basis for the decision. The reviewing officer's written decision shall constitute the final administrative decision of the county.

I. If the director revokes a tobacco retailing license, no new license may be issued for five years after that revocation.

11.35.120 Violation – other penalties.

A. In addition to any other penalties and remedies provided by law, including the provisions of this chapter, any violation of the provisions of this chapter may be charged as a misdemeanor pursuant to chapter 1.24 of this code, or, in the discretion of the prosecutor, as an infraction. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter is subject to a suit for injunction as well as prosecution for any criminal violation.

B. In addition to any other penalty under this chapter, a person found to have engaged in tobacco retailing without a valid tobacco retailing license shall be ineligible to apply for or be issued a tobacco retailing license as follows:

1. After a first violation for a person within any five year period, no new license may be issued for the person as a proprietor until thirty days have passed from the date of last violation;
2. After a second violation for a person within any five year period, no new license may be issued for the person as a proprietor until ninety days have passed from the date of last violation;
3. After three or more violations for a person within any five year period, no new license may be issued for the person as a proprietor until five years have passed from the date of last violation;
4. Each day that a person engages in tobacco retailing without a valid tobacco retailing license shall constitute a separate violation; and
5. Any person found by the director to be ineligible to be issued a license pursuant to this section may request an administrative review within ten days of

notice of the violation. The request must be made to the director in writing. Any administrative review shall be held pursuant to the provisions of section 11.35.110 of this chapter.

C. Violations of this chapter are hereby declared to be public nuisances.

11.35.130 Severability.

If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this chapter or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors

FROM: John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.
Chief Deputy Director
Department of Public Health

**SUBJECT: PUBLISHING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT RELATING TO TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING**

Section 66018 of the California Government Code requires that when there is an increase of an existing fee, a local agency shall hold a public meeting as part of a regularly scheduled meeting. Notice of the time and place of the public meeting, including a general explanation of the matter to be considered shall be published in accordance with Section 6062(a). Section 6062(a) states the publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be for 10 days in a newspaper regularly published once a week or more often. The period of notice commence upon the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the tenth day, including therein the first day.

Therefore the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, respectfully requests that the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors publish the provided Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance Amendment Relating To Tobacco Retail Licensing, with the County's contracted newspaper to be in compliance with the above sections of the Government Code.

Please contact me at (213) 240-8156, if you need additional information.

JS:gi

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT RELATING TO TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing regarding the following:

- Approval of an ordinance amendment to establish a Tobacco Retail Licensing program.

Said hearing will be at November 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple and Grand) Los Angeles, California 90012.

The Board of Supervisors will consider and may adopt the ordinance amendment. Further notice is given that the Board of Supervisors may continue this hearing from time to time.

Written comments may be sent to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors at the above address. If you do not understand this notice or need information, please call the Department of Health Services, Public Health, at (213) 240-8156.

Si no entiende esta noticia o si necesita más información, por favor llame a este número (213) 240-8156.

Sachi A. Hamai
EXECUTIVE OFFICER – CLERK OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS